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REF: USUN 486

1. UN CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP MET TWICE FEBRUARY 22 AND DISCUSSED PARAS 61-66 OF THE SECT ANALYTICAL STUDY CONCERNING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UNGA AND UNSC AND UNSC PROCEDURES. POLAND, TURKEY, USSR, FRANCE, ITALY FAVORED PRESENT BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN GA AND SC. ROMANIA SAID SOME ALTERATIONS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL.

2. MEXICO PROPOSED THAT PERMANENT MEMBERS PRACTICE SELF-RESTRAINT IN THEIR USE OF THE VETO. COLOMBIA SAID THAT THE VETO SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED TO QUESTIONS OF ADMISSION OR THE SENDING OF FACT-FINDING TEAMS. KENYA, CONGO, YUGOSLAVIA, SIERRA LEONE, IRAN, GHANA AND TUNISIA CITED "ABUSES OF THE VETO" AND SUPPORTED MEXICO. ROMANIA REPEATED PROPOSAL TO EXPAND SC AND GIVE VETO TO ROTATING REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

3. USSR, GDR, POLAND, UK AND FRANCE SAID THAT PRESENT RIGHT OF VETO REFLECTS WORLD REALITY AND MUST BE RETAINED. INDIA AGREED THAT RIGHT OF VETO
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IS DISCRIMINATORY, BUT SAID THAT UN FINANCING AND STAFFING ARE ALSO DISCRIMINATORY AND PRESENT STRUCTURE SHOULD BE RETAINED FOR TIME BEING. US SAID THAT IT IMPORTANT SC NOT ACT WITHOUT SUPPORT OF KEY PARTICIPANTS AND VETO PLUS REQUIREMENT OF 9 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES MET THIS NEED. US ALSO NOTED THAT MANY OF THOSE WHO DEFEND "UNIVERSALITY"

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SO STRONGLY ARE THE SAME STATES THAT REFUSED EVEN
TO INSCRIBE A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FROM A STATE
MEMBER OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND INITIATED DRIVES
IN THE GA AND THE AGENCIES TO EXPEL UN MEMBERS.

4. CHINA INTERVENED TO CASTIGATE USSR FOR TRYING
TO INTIMIDATE WITH "THREATS AND BASELESS ASSERTIONS"
THOSE THIRD WORLD STATES SUGGESTING CHARTER CHANGES.
CHINESE DELEGATE SAID VARIOUS PROPOSALS DESERVED
SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND THAT REASONABLE SOLUTION
COULD BE GRADUALLY FOUND.
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